

IN THE CLAIMS:

As set forth below, claim 7 is new.

1. (Previously amended) A structure for mounting a terminal to a covered electric wire comprising:

a terminal comprising a cylindrical wire end receiving portion and a cylindrical connecting portion for connecting to other equipment; and

a covered electric wire from which a leading end of a covering is removed to expose a leading end of an electric conductor,

the wire end receiving portion receiving the leading end of the exposed electric conductor of the covered electric wire and a part of the covering, and the wire end receiving portion being uniformly compressed around substantially the entire periphery thereof to be in close contact with the exposed electric conductor.

2. (Previously amended) The structure for mounting a terminal to a covered electric wire of claim 1, wherein an inner surface of the wire end receiving portion comprises a plurality of projections.

3. (Previously amended) The structure for mounting a terminal to a covered electric wire of claim 1, wherein an outer shape of the wire end receiving portion has a cylindrical shape, and the wire end receiving portion is compressed around an outer portion.

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4. (Previously amended) The structure for mounting a terminal to a covered electric wire of claim 2, wherein the wire end receiving portion is further extended in an axial direction due to plastic deformation.

5. (Previously amended) A method of mounting a terminal to a covered electric wire comprising:

removing a front end of a covering on the covered electric wire to expose a leading end of an electric conductor;

receiving the leading end of the electric conductor and a part of the covering in a cylindrical wire end receiving portion of the terminal; and

uniformly compressing the cylindrical wire end receiving portion around the entire circumference in a radial direction so that the cylindrical wire end receiving portion and at least a portion of the leading end of the electric conductor plastically deform.

6. (Previously amended) The method of mounting a terminal to a covered electric wire of claim 5, wherein the uniformly compressing comprises using a swaging machine.

7. (New) The structure for mounting a terminal to a covered electric wire of claim 1, wherein the wire end receiving portion is further extended in an axial direction due to plastic deformation.

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